

Blountville CAS Session

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1. What TVA related issues are of special concern to you?

Economic development

Clean water

Flood control

Additional lake usage season for Boone Lake

Tourism in the state of TN is the no. 2 industry but in our area is only fourth. Please contact Brenda Witson of the Johnson City Tourism office and she will confirm that the City of Johnson City can not even think of scheduling a Bass Tournament between the end of July until May each year.

When Lake levels fall, tourism decreases dramatically which affects a broad number of businesses including restaurants, food stores, marinas, sports store operators and all the related supporting businesses even including industry decisions to locate to our area.

Water levels

I work for the USDA Forest Service Watauga Ranger District. We have many acres of general forest area as well as several large developed recreation opportunities on Watauga and South Holston Lake reservoirs. We also manage the habitat for game and nongame species along both the Watauga and South Holston Reservoirs. Shoreline erosion and private lakefront access are a big concern as the USDA Forest Service works within the guidelines of a TVA Transfer Agreement. Point and nonpoint pollution are also issues of concern. The lake levels, increased accessibility to the lakes, and continued cleanup of the lakes.

Water levels

Level of the lake. Purity of the water. Increase fish population. Water Quality/ Water Supply. Increased water level more mouths of the year. Recreation benefits.

Lake levels have a great impact on our local economy because when industry comes one of the first things we want to show is our beautiful lakes. It looks bad when a lake is shown in July and the swimming areas are dry. It also creates a very dangerous safety hazard. Poor families are discriminated against because they cannot afford a public swimming pool, after all Watauga Lake was built for flood control, no matter what categories TVA has listed. If possible all lakes need to be treated fairly.

Electric prices.

Will there be a withdrawal fee in the future for TVA impoundments? When will the modeling be complete?

Reliable power at a reasonable cost.

Economic impact on tourism, property values along the reservoirs, increased duration of recreational uses.

Water levels lowered way too soon

Low cost reliable power

The shoreline management initiative!

My greatest concerns were stated in my response.

The Proposed Rules Restricting:

1. The 50' waterline zone
2. Roofs on decks over docks!
3. Shoreline retaining walls beyond the existing rulings (circa 1970) flood control; water quality; and electric rates; water supply

Water quality and cost of power

Bring the lake up. The public access in front of the house is a big mudhole, dirty. They need garbage cans, needs to be cleaned up. No lighting. People are in and out all night, drug traffic, loud music. The county has been out to clean up the bank, but we would like it to stay clean year round. Main thing would be to have lights.

Lake levels and water clean up

Shoreline development. Land Use

Recreation.

Maintenance of Ft. Patrick Henry Lake, particularly big logs.

I like to use the lake for house boating water level on Watauga lake in late summer

Lake levels. I would like to see TVA leave the lake up as long as possibly in the fall and fill the lake sooner in the spring.

Water levels. I live on Boone Lake and would like to see the lake left up longer in the fall when the weather is nice and you could get out on your boat and see the beautiful trees and their fall colors. There is no reason the lake should be dropped down as far as it is and as early as it is when the lake can still be used and enjoyed.

Lake levels, water quality, cleanliness power production and standby capacity, lake water levels, flood control

I would like to see the Boone Lake water level kept at "full Pool" longer. I do not believe TVA should allow hunting on TVA land within a quarter mile of housing. I believe TVA should take a more active role in maintaining better water quality as well as trash and liter pickup of the lake. Water level up earlier before spawning and maintain later to boost the economy

I am particularly interested in the use of the reservoirs for recreation. It appears to me that many of the policies and procedures in the maintenance of lake levels were drafted early in the 60's, and have not been changed or evaluated since that time. Certainly meteorology has made great strides since that time, and the forecasting capabilities far exceed the "safety levels" TVA seems so determined to maintain. I would like to know if you are monitoring the quality of the water and engaging anyone to assure that people are disposing of their waste properly.

I am very concerned about the looks and the quality of the water. It has a skim of oil on the top of it all the time. I went to Canadian Rockies and did not realize how beautiful CLEAN WATER was until I was reminded there.

Flood control. In my work, I have witnessed several major floods and the devastation they bring. Anything that could be done to improve flood control in TVA watersheds would be welcome.

The aim of TVA to review the function of recreation on the TVA system. I am impressed that they have opened the long held notion that what it was set up for may be open for review and possible

change. Lake levels in summer fall and winter. Recreation is very important to me. Increased lake levels for longer annual periods and water purity, air quality; nuclear waste; privatization. How does TVA monitor the water quality below South Holston Dam (temperature and dissolved oxygen content)?

What are the limits for these aspects of water quality?

What remedial measures are taken when quality is out of limits?

How many times in last five years has the water quality been outside of the acceptable limits?

Flood control

We would like to see Boone Lake level rise 1 month early in the spring and remain 1 month longer in the fall.

Boone lake and watershed water quality issues. Litter and fecal chl. In particular.

Water levels of the lakes. The loss of public land as used by the general public. TVA should have a "no net loss" of public policy. This would enable those who request the use of public lands to replace the same amount of acreage. The general public of future years is at a great disadvantage of not being able to have a voice in the current policy.

TVA senior staff should rely on opinions of professional staff before "getting into bed" with developers and people who want to make a profit from the use of public lands.

Water Level in Boone Lake during Winter Months. Fishing on Boone Lake, Recreational Boating on Boone Lake, Water Quality of Boone Lake Recreation & maintaining higher water levels for most of the year. That a few lake owner/users will use these open forums to heavy-handedly force their views and wills on the rest of the 6+ million ratepayers of Valley region. Some of these folks are so radical and their agenda so selfish and single-minded that they would gladly have the ratepayers of the Valley paying more for their electrical energy needs and have little to no regard for flood damage to others downstream as long as they can enjoy their year round higher lake levels. As was clearly apparent in this "open" forum in the TriCities; the vast number of attendees at this forum were lake front property owners/ lake users.

It is of grave concern to me that the ratepayers of the valley region will not have an opportunity to give their views in relation to their numbers. I feel strongly that TVA should (through the monthly power bills sent out by their Distributors) send out the identical survey to all electrical rate payers of the Valley to give them a chance to provide TVA comments via post paid envelope/card of the same questions given to us in the handheld device forum.

Lake levels and TVA land leasing. Primary concern leave lake levels up longer i.e. April 1 to Nov 1 recreation should be kept up, particularly on the upper tributary lakes like Boone, Holston, and Watauga negative impact on recreational uses is not offset by positive impact on other uses.

Water Levels year round. Quality of the water we are swimming in. Being able to use the TVA Lakes (especially Boone) for boating/fishing for more days of the year is my primary concern. As it is, I cannot get my pontoon boat out of my newly renovated boat garage. Those who do not live on the lake can use public access; I cannot, as I am "landlocked" for many months of the year.

Sufficient level for Boone Lake to support nesting and hatching of lake bass (large mouth). Retain lake levels longer in the summer to support recreational boating and bass tournaments in the summer to improve facilities for tourists and fishing.

Providing reliable power through the most environmental friendly means available.

Water quality.
Flood control.
DUI on waterways.
Discharges into streams from houseboats and failed septic systems.
Small stream management.

The early drop in the lake water levels in the late summer/early fall; and the delay in raising the levels in the spring. This also decreases the ability to generate power consistently. It really is not necessary for flood control either, as I have observed adjustments of the levels in very short periods of time. When TVA constructed the lakes, recreational boating was practically nonexistent, as were the marinas and construction of homes around the lakes. I sincerely believe that all the modern day uses of the TVA lakes and waterways can be utilized more effectively. We enjoy these lakes and are very proud of what TVA has accomplished to benefit so many over the years; however, I hope there will be extension of time for full pool levels to benefit many more in this time and the future. This would impact the state advantageously financially, recreationally, ingrowth, and attraction of industries.

Water quality
Cost of power
LAKE LEVELS. Why take the water down so early? No danger of flooding. Selling of electricity should bring more money in Oct. & Nov. than Sept!

Water levels. Volume and the discharge flow should do them. They need to look at the amount of wastewater discharge in relation to the amount of water the lake can store. The quality of the discharge that comes from wastewater processing plants. Recreation and number of homes where people live year around is a strong reason Boone Lake should be at full pool at least 10 MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

The lake level should remain at or near full pool through Sept. While the water temp is up and outside temps are warm. You have given permission for all the recreation to take place on the lake, so why can't we have one more month before dropping Boone lake? I agree we need the flood control and power generation. Can we not have negotiation on the date for drawdown?

Low power rates, water quality improvements
Water quality

Boone Lake is like a saucer compared to the other lakes, which are like a deep bowl. Boone Lake has wastewater treatment plants discharging into the lake year around. Fishing and boating are an asset to the area bringing in a lot of people for the fishing tournaments, etc.

Water quality.
Power and flood control.

Basically, I am concerned with continuous improvement of our areas through economic development. Although we are in a neighboring county across the state line, a portion of our county utilizes TVA power and I would like to see more partnering efforts to develop these areas. Use of trails and related recreational opportunities along TVA reservation land. Recreation and power are the most important to me. Lake levels being dropped too early in the fall. Lake level up later in the season on Boone Lake, water quality, trash removal, maximizing natural areas around the lakes
Water quality
Preservation of wildlife and plant diversity
Lake level
Trash removal

Water quality is my number one concern. Boone Lake has four wastewater treatment plants which dump into it. They are secondary, not tertiary treatment. There must be enough water in the lake year round in order to dilute this pointsource pollution. Additionally, several creeks and streams with poor water quality feed this lake year-round, including several on the federal 303d list. Fish and wildlife are impacted by water pollution.

Lake level fluctuation is my number two concern. Every spring, I watch baby ducks and duck nests get flooded because the ducks think they have built in a safe place, but then the water level changes.

Lake level fluctuation is also a hazard to navigation, especially on non-navigable waters like Boone, South Holston, and Watauga. On Boone Lake, I have seen boats run aground and hit rocks and other objects that are not usually exposed when the rocks. This could be a life-threatening situation. Lack of control on recreational vessels (especially PWCs) when the shoreline is exposed as the lake fluctuates also leads to greater erosion of the shoreline and poses a danger to anything floating near the shoreline.

Coal fired electric plants are another concern because of the pollution to this area, especially the Great Smokey Mountains. Higher electricity costs would be preferable to the pollution. Management of lake levels and the economic impact to local communities based upon TVA's management of the lake level. I feel the management of Boone Lake needs special attention because 4 wastewater treatment facilities are permitted to discharge into the lake. Three streams that empty into Boone Lake are on the EPA's 303d list.

Lake levels: they should remain higher in the winter (Boone Lake) because of wastewater discharges.

I think that they could be brought to full pool (or near) earlier and remain at full pool longer in the fall.

Maintenance of the lake level on Boone Lake.

Cleanliness / pollution in the lake system.

Shoreline and reservoir level maintenance policy changes.

Water elevation for longer periods of time with warm weather

Water level

Water level should not be lowered so early and kept down for so long it cuts down on the use of the lake too much without use of out lake

2. Why are these issues of special concern to you?

The Sullivan county area is in dire need of more and newer economic development local industries that have been the mainstay for years are now in a sad state of decay, and there isn't much new that I see on the horizon clean water and flood control are necessities and are the main reason that TVA exists in my opinion increased property value, promote more recreational activity, and the business that support the aesthetic value

The USDA Forest Service is a partner with TVA and has various concerns regarding private development, sustained lake levels and pollution through increased use. The status of game and nongame species is directly affected by management the reservoirs, in particular, South Holston and Watauga Lakes. Included in our management are roads and developed and dispersed use of the lakeshores. My family has a pleasure boat which we would like to use further into the fall and earlier in the spring. Also, we would consider more strongly lake front or lake access property/home if the lake was kept up at least as long as day light savings time.

Owns lake frontage. Because we live on the lake and the lake is our enjoyment. We live to fish and enjoy the recreation that the water has to offer. Jobs and recreation, also safety. I pay electric

bills and I want them to be as low as possible. Budget Concerns Utility the cost of power is a reason for industry to local in our region I am very involved in boating actives, most through the United States Power Squadron. I am also aware of the tremendous economic benefits that the lakes bring to our area. He lives on the lake and would like to use his facilities. It hits me in the pocketbook. I own property on Watts Bar that is soon to be in direct conflict with these proposed rulings. Why? They are major items affecting the valley

Quality of life for family and future generations because it is right in front of the house, we have to look at it everyday because I live on Boone Lake. Our home and property is shoreline and currently 3 houses are in the plan for development in an area that was presented to me at purchase as non-buildable, open land for family use. The logs are dangerous and the lake users have no place to put them for later disposal. About 3 designated disposal points with 34 pickups by TVA would be most helpful. Lake users would keep the lake fairly hazard free if given some help and direction.

We own lake property and have a dock with houseboat. It is very hard to keep dock in place with the water level going up and down so much.

Recreational use of the lake in late summer. Watauga lakes water level is lowered before other lakes in our area such as Boone lake and south Holston.

I live on the lake and would like to be able to enjoy the lake when the leaves are pretty in the fall. This is of concern to me because I am a waterfront property owner and would like to be able to use it for a longer period of time while weather permits. We have nice weather and no water. We have to get our boats out in a hurry while we can still reach them because you never know if tomorrow the lake will be gone without any warning.

We live on the lake. Lake usage is limited because of drastic drawdowns during the majority of the year. Clean water is important to the environment, and rubbish has caused the lake Boone Lake to lose some of its beauty.

The TVA hydro system provides a very valuable resource for clean local power generation. TVA needs to properly consume this resource in order to offset fluctuations in wholesale power pricing. A higher head level on the lake increases the potential energy of each volume of water resource. Many of the highest peak wholesale power prices per MWH have occurred in August and September. Traditionally, TVA has lowered the lakes significantly by this time of the season duck hunters are within 200 - 300 yards of my home each year on TVA property. I am not opposed to hunting, just hunting this close to homes.

I live on Boone Lake and realize the positive economic impact the area would have by maintaining higher water levels longer. I'm sportsman and I own two properties on the lake and pay high taxes and only have water for short time. Also have a daughter that lives on the lake. So it effects my whole family

I am a recreational boater. While I do not live on a lake, we derive significant enjoyment from the use of the lakes. It seem foolish and a poor use of such a great resource as out upper East Tennessee lakes to have them drained to ridiculous levels by Labor day, when we have several good months of boating ahead of us if there were water to boat in! I feel the impact for the region and entire TVA area would be improved for the quality of life we all strive for if the lake levels were left at full pool for as long as possible without impacting the main TVA goal.

Better year round use of the lake. As a property owner higher lake levels and improved water quality improves the quality of life and maintains the property values. Tea's a big organization and everything they do affects a tremendous number of people own property on the South Holston tailwater and fish that river regularly don't want to have property damage in the future. For recreational purposes...we own a home on the lake.

Lake front property owner and very avid lake user. Concerns of why a high water level (seems to fall on holiday weekends) brings floating ground colored plastic and styrofoam debris along with other general trash along the bank so bad we cannot get in the water. High water level here is meant to be about 1383.5 1385 el. I understand the water levels of the overflow at the spill gates and level at "normal summer pool". I understand the water quality is falling as per test data on fecal chl. Also. Yet, there are cattle in the lake in reedy creek hollow with there own boathouse, cattle in the Boones creek at Flourville and cattle in the creek in Darr creek (outside the fence erected and subsidized to keep them out of the watershed inflow to lake. I am a member of Boone lake association and go to some Boone watershed meetings. I thought these situations were not acceptable. Derelict docks also very prevalent and there again I thought this was unacceptable. Boathouse discharges and such are a major concern also. Hope to see some enforcement if my understandings are correct.

With the usage of the lakes it would be better to leave the water levels up higher for a longer periods of time. The voice of future generations needs to be heard. When the land is gone there is no additional land being made. Boone Lake is drawn down in September and doesn't come back up until May. This limits the use of the lake for Boating, and fishing. I have a lakeside home and much of the year I'm looking at a muddy mess rather than the lake and can't use my boat. Please look at keeping the lake level up most of the year like Lake Patrick Henry. We are wasting a valuable resource by draining the lakes prematurely each season. By leaving the water levels higher, recreation and its economic benefits would be enhanced. Plus, the lakes could be drained in the early part of the winter, as soon as the weather gets cold and the power demand rises. I don't want to pay higher electrical power bills or witness reduced emphasis on flood control and navigation within the TN Valley because a small handful (< .02%) of lake front property owners want higher lake levels at the expense of the vast majority I would like levels to stay up later in the summer. I am a residential and commercial property owner on Boone Lake. I am also an active member of several environmental organizations. We live on Boone Lake year round and feel that since our property taxes reflect the value of our location to the lake, we would like to be able to use our docks more time each year.

As I said in #1 above, I am landlocked. I paid TVA to transfer the permit for my dock/boat garage to my name; I paid for an inspection to allow me to expand the existing facility to be large enough to house my pontoon boat. But I can't even use it, and haven't been able to since Sept. 2001. As one of the first boat dock owners on Boone Lake in 1953, I followed all the TVA recommendations and was commended for my operation. It is important to preserve the quality of water for family recreation to maintain the quality of life that we are used to in the Tennessee Valley. My involvement in the Holston River Watershed Alliance has raised my awareness of the problems that currently exist. I also grew up on what is now Boone Lake and am aware of the need for flood control as our family lost business due to a flood before the lake was built. See above answer live on the lake and could boat longer and see the change of the leaves along with everyone else. I think the economy would be helped.

BECAUSE I LIVE ON THE LAKE.

Low reliable power and clean water, open scenic land that is not developed and open for informal recreational use.

Because we live in the area and enjoy the benefits of the lake. The earth needs to last as long as possible. Also we need clean water to drink along with other organisms to be able to survive. Because everyone needs electricity and to protect the valley from floods. Economic development will enhance the community for our children and possibly keep them here after college or have them return after graduating from other universities.

I'm an avid outdoors person. I use many area hiking trails and picnic areas for leisure recreation. TVA land can provide different opportunities for visitors besides use of water for recreation. As

the population increases, more and more pressures will exist for more remote recreational opportunities.

Being a 14-year-old, lake recreation is of course important. However, since the TVA has many coal plants, I think that it would be possible to use more hydroelectric power, since it is much cleaner than coal. Also, coal, like other fossil fuels, will eventually be used up, and changing to hydroelectric power will prevent a future crisis to change from coal or other fossil fuels to more permanent sources of power. The weather is still warm and dry in September and October. It is a beautiful time to enjoy the lake.

I own property on the lake.

We live within 4 miles of Boone Lake and use it for recreation and would like to do so later in the fall. Also water quality, natural areas around the lake, and trash removal are obviously important for that recreation and for the value of the area, our enjoyment of the area, and the value of our property even though it is not on the lake.

The quality of the lakes is being threatened by increased development and use by a growing population. We live close and use the lakes and what to see them maintained well. I live on Boone Lake, so I am concerned about water quality.

I have witnessed boating accidents on Boone Lake.

My shoreline has been eroded by the water level fluctuation. It is impossible to protect when the water is down and the recreational boaters do not keep their wakes down.

I am a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and I see a lot of unsafe boating area lakes. I know that speed of the boats and water level fluctuations without proper warning markers and controls don't mix and will cause accidents that may lead to loss of life.

I care about the environment. I don't fertilize my lawn and try to keep boat chemicals and other wastes out of the water and I believe others should also. TVA should help this process.

Water quality has to be a high priority because without water quality the recreation industry will suffer and I feel this has the highest economic impact on communities.

Economics. Much money is lost in the communities because of low lake levels. I live on Boone Lake and use the lake extensively for recreation. I would like to see the lake remain at the summer pool level (1382 +/-) until November rather than dropping so quickly after Labor Day. I am also concerned about the pollution levels in the lake. Issues like regulation of municipal sewage, residential septic systems, and agricultural runoff are important. I also am concerned about the current plans to build the new bridge across Boone Lake. I am not convinced that is needed and wonder what impact that will have on the lake.

I own property on Ft Patrick Henry Lake and need to know the impact of policy decisions on my property because of high taxes for the property because we don't get to use it very much because of the low water.

Poor quality of life for fish health. We are not able to use the lake after Sept 1 until June 1. That is too long without use of our lake.

3. How could TVA improve its management of the TN River system?

PLEASE keep the water levels higher a bit longer than Labor Day by extending the full pool time on populated (Boone) lakes.

Maintain lake levels uniformly throughout the system should permit TVA to maintain higher levels in the upper most lakes in the TVA system. TVA managed rivers could be increasingly managed to provide a more comprehensive study of point and nonpoint pollution from private lands. Potential for more scenic easements may help. All of this river management in turn provides a healthier lake environment.

Keep the lake up through November, down Dec. Mar. and up to full pool by April 1, or keep at full pool year round. Also, increase access points for boats and fishing. Reestablish aquatic vegetation (spray only on request of dock owners).

Feels that Boone Lake should be left at a higher level for recreation and Watauga Lake and South Holston should be used for flood control because these two are upstream. By keeping lake level high so the public can use it for most of the year. Also our community may benefit in terms of revenues from tourism. Use common sense and be truthful to the public. Issue contact list for different related issues. Emergency, Generation Schedules.

I think TVA is doing a good job in river management, however I feel we could keep the upper storage lakes higher or delay the draw down until late November or early December understand the importance of flood control down river, I boat on the Tennessee River on some occasions, however I would appreciate higher lake levels on all lakes in East Tennessee, for longer periods of time. I also can appreciate the need for electric power being produced efficiently.

Whatever it takes to keep Boone Lake's water level up longer. Better informing the public of drastic elevation changes TVA has been a great friend to the valley. I hope that TVA remains largely as it is right now!

I think that TVA has been fairly balanced up until now and expect it to continue to be. Higher lake level on Labor Day; draw down afterwards.

Provide more public communication and education of TVA functions. Raise the lake levels earlier. Get a range or date set so that we know when we can use the lake they need and updated plan of water level control. Knowledge of what is being done on that property at all times.

Additionally, involvement with local and state agencies, so everyone is aware of planned development. All agencies should be in agreement with all development.

Reinstate the practice of raising/lowering the lake levels of Patrick Henry for mosquito control. Do a better job of making the TVA Lake Police visible to the boaters and shoreline residents.

We don't really know.

By keeping lake level equal on all lakes rather than lowering the level on certain lakes.

Micromanage each reservoir. One particular problem in being a property owner on Boone Lake is that the noise ordinances are not enforced. There are some boats that go by that you cannot hear yourself talk when it goes by and that's when you're indoors. There needs to be speed limit enforcement on the speedboats or jet boats. TVA could improve their management of the water levels as to when they raise and lower the lake and to put out a news alert in the newspaper or on television or whatever means to let people know their intention so they can prepare their property and boats for lower water.

Recognize that with changing times, and changing weather conditions that Boone Lake drawdowns are not necessary for extended times of the year. The eastern Tennessee regional lakes represent a significant opportunity for outdoors recreational activities. To maximize the

availability of this resource, TVA must raise water levels earlier in the spring and hold these levels significantly longer into late summer and early fall needs to communicate better with the public. These workshops are a good idea. It needs to listen to concerns of residents living on or near the lakes. TVA appears to set a much higher priority for power supply revenue than the other responsibilities TVA says it has.

Listen to the people that use the lakes and facilities. Need to update operations and policies to the current time period. Better public information about lake levels, particularly as it pertains to recreation and navigation.

The main improvement to the entire system would be to keep the lake levels up as long as safely possible. One pet peeve I have is not knowing when the lake levels will be dropped in the fall. I live on Boone Lake in Avery Shallow Cove and feel compelled to take out my pontoon and PWC just after labor day since there is no advance warning when the lake levels will drop to where I will not be able to move my watercraft to dry land. At south Holston Lake, begin drawdown in late October rather than in the summer months. Maintain the winter pool at elevation 1710 when the lake is frozen with ice; do not lower the lake until the ice has thawed. By not allowing the public lakes in the TVA system to be practically dry for long periods thereby preventing the public from getting the maximum use from this natural resource. Be more responsive to the people who have concerns about what TVA is doing on the South Holston tailwater, TVA could increase the water discharge to three one-hour discharges per day when no other generation is scheduled. Current policy is two one-hour discharges each day.

Stricter rules and regulations.

By listening to the property owners on the Tennessee River system.

I do not have the knowledge to give an opinion, but I am sure it is very hard to manage.

More input from the users of the lakes and the rivers. If possible, TVA should evaluate leaving the reservoirs up longer taking into consideration all aspects of impacts and benefits. I think TVA does a good job.

Leave water levels higher until winter.

By seeking input in a realistic way of all parties in the Valley that will be affected by the outcome of the Reservoir Operations Study; not by letting a small handful of lakefront property owners drive the database because of their packing in the number in a much, much greater proportion than they really represent by attending the Community Workshops. By considering the public use of the upper lakes more increase time the lakes are kept at full pool for summer purposes. Changing the management of the water in conjunction with advances in technology. The reasons we are given for the levels the water is maintained at seem to be antiquated and outdated. They also seem to be excuses not to change.

The lakes should be maintained at full pool year around. When rains threaten or occur, the amount of water running in can be let out simultaneously at the dams.

TVA does a good job with the resources available and congress should appropriate some funds to be directed to preserving the resources of the river system along with recreational needs.

Through better enforcement of the existing laws governing discharges into the water. Creating better working relationships with local government bodies. Start raising the lake levels mid March or early April; and don't start lowering levels before the end of October or mid November.

I don't know enough about this to comment.

TVA should decide on their focus and the best management scheme and follow it. TVA should do a lot less listening to special interest groups. So many times the minority voice is not heard due to the organized voice being so loud. TVA has lost sight of what their mission is and is drifting. They are reactive rather than proactive. That is showing in their leadership in the region. TVA should provide the resource protection leadership. TVA's customer looks to TVA for leadership in flood plain matters. TVA used to provide this leadership but has since pulled back. I believe it is needed again.

Having people looking for people who could be dumping harmful substances into or around the water. Most people would like to have a steady or reliable source of water and electricity at a reasonable price. Water level is important for people with houses the river system or leave near or on it. If we can continue to generate a clean source of electricity without significant harm to the river system and the ecosystem, most people will favor the use of hydroelectricity. The TVA could try to control the rising and falling of the lake better to prevent garbage and trash from washing into the water, as this is a hazard to motors of all kinds. Also, the TVA could use more hydroelectric power instead of coal, as this is such an abundant source of clean power. September and October are beautiful on Boone Lake. Water levels are speedily lowered beginning Labor Day. These are dry months. Why do water levels have to be lowered so soon?

Clean up the lake.

Keep it up for longer months

Keep the level of up for the smaller up stream lakes later in the fall, obtain a trash hunter to pick up trash on the lakes and move from lake to lake, keep TVA land as natural areas and as buffers between the lake and home sites. Also control dock building. Finally work with other groups to start limiting the size and horsepower of boats on the lakes and to encourage small craft and human powered craft. Work on waste disposal and enforcement for boats and settlements around the lakes.

Keeping the lake level up.

Keeping the trash picked up and education the public not to litter. Institute a system of fines to discourage littering.

Keep and increase the natural areas. Be sensible in lake level management. If a drought is predicted, don't drop the lake just because it is time!

Don't drop lakes which have very little storage capacity.

Spend money to upgrade dams so the system can be better balanced.

Rethink its management of lake levels. With the improvements in weather forecasting the management attitudes of the 1950s need to be updated to management attitudes of the 21st century.

Have more forums, such as this, and understand what the populace relates to you.

This session is a start. I think that TVA needs to listen to the public and respond. TVA has in the past been very remote and inflexible. The practice has been to avoid change and don't risk rocking the boat.

I don't buy the argument that the fall pulldown is to maximize revenues on power generation.

Streamline the permit and deviation request process concerning residential applications for such.

Keep the water level at least 1712 feet minimum

Best not to let it get above 1730 feet

4. What alternatives should TVA consider in managing the system?

Not sure. I think you all do a pretty darn good job in juggling all the priorities you have in front of you right now a local management committee made up of local users and residents. No new suggestions except that historically Lake levels do not need to be drawn down until after Christmas for flood control purposes. I believe in our current society, the opportunity exists to utilize educated volunteers to provide baseline data to be analyzed by TVA. Again, I believe legal scenic easements would be a benefit.

Keep lakes up at a minimum from April to November.

No comment

TVA should consider the overall public value and work toward that improvement. If this means changes government regulations then do so.

Listen effectively to input.

Please consider a longer season, if not year round lake levels near full pool.

Having a committee made up of local lake and river users. Allowing tributary reservoirs to remain at or near full pool until the middle or end of September only if it could be done without affecting power cost.

I am satisfied with the current efforts.

Higher lake levels at Labor Day; more flow in river; all would be good but where do you get the water

Possibly generate fines for major polluters and raise fees for land use having some one to go around a check the access points and keep the area clean, so that we do not have to do it, if they had some trash receptacles people may use them.

I can't tell you how to run internally, I don't know how you run it but I will give the suggestion that you need to update your plan. How their decisions will affect the environment, wildlife and well as the current residents.

Taking more consideration of people using lakes for recreation. Lakes should be kept full until the last of September of each year.

Leave Boone Lake up longer in the fall. Start drawdowns after the first of November. Evaluate feasible ranges for all criteria and then maximize the cost benefit equations from several perspectives. Perhaps a study of the positive economic impact of keeping the lake at "Full Pool". I've read past studies of how much power supply revenue TVA would lose if they did not lower to lake level. Frankly, I find it hard to believe that the other economic advantages were properly considered. It would be interesting to learn what factors were used in past studies. In any case the current arrangement doesn't pass a common sense test. Increasing the water levels.

Updated operations and policies.

I would like to see a joint committee manage the water system, it would consist of at least the following members, TVA Power, Homeowners, a business on the system (restaurant, marina etc),

local government and a member of the economic development group. TVA would have final veto power to be sure the primary goals are not jeopardized. See comments in previous answer.

By revisiting the government policies that dictate the levels and periods of time that the water is held in the water basins. Longer times and higher lake water levels mean more efficient use of this valuable resource. Flooding, power production, economic input.

Success of the South Holston weir is suspect by many who have know and fished the river for many years. One alternative would be to make alterations to the weir to provide for more water flow during periods when no generation is occurring.

By allowing property owners voice their opinions.

A possible committee made up of the users of the Tennessee lakes and rivers. I think that the TVA should establish a council with a representative for each lake in the system. These representatives should be local to the lake they represent and their identity known to all so they could gather all the inputs from those using the lake they represent and present them in a council meeting to help make sure all have a voice. This way local groups like the Boone Lake Association have a clear representative they can take their priorities to and have them hear in a larger sense when the council convenes.

Recreation, economic benefits, flood control and power generation. The last two can be accomplished by draining the lakes in the winter (starting Dec15th and refilling in the spring).

Production of power, flood control, commercial navigation; with everything else being subrogated under these three. CONSIDERING public use vs. private dock use

Leaving the water levels up for recreational use at least 50% longer each year. If leaving the lakes at full pool year around cannot be done, at least it should remain that way for 9 months of the year (mid November to mid February would be the time of year of least usage). TVA does a good job with the resources available and would need more funds to manage the system any better.

Reconsider the raising and lowering of the lake levels both in times of the year and amounts.

They should consider future needs protection of the resource. They should not just listen to the most vocal but look at the best alternative that takes care of sustained life, not luxuries. I do not believe TVA should ever operate the reservoir to enhance lake levels if that should cost more money or make power rates go up or even have a detrimental effect on navigation. People can use the lake at any level. TVA does not have to give the luxury of giving people water without the bare banks. Cameras could be installed to identify people who are harming the environment. I do not know the specific alternatives being proposed. My earlier comments summarize the need to balance a lot of concerns knowing that perhaps it may not be possible to please everyone all the time. The incredible decrease in water level in Boone and other lakes is highly inconvenient and creates unattractive landscapes for a large part of the year.

Greater use of input from users of the lakes.

I probably covered them above.

All of the alternatives, just balance them better.

Consider opening more public property up to private sector where the public interests of environmental conservation can still be reasonably met. Be considerate of plant and fish life.

5. What quality of life issues need to be addressed in your area or town?

Clean air, clean water.

Longer season, higher property values, more economic development for the area.

Balance between recreation and environment concerns versus commercial considerations which in the past few years have declined in importance. Continued potable water provided through municipalities. With increased flood control and regulated shoreline management, recreational water uses will continue to benefit local concerns.

Tourism is another issue that TVA can be integral partner. Better water equals a higher quality of tourism to an area.

The lakes need to be kept as clean as possible with a concerted effort by local businesses and organizations to keep the lake clean. I feel that Boone Lake should be left a recreational lake instead of a flood-controlled lake. Feels it would be a good economical factor for this area also it could be used year round. Clean and fresh water supply. The development of public land for wildlife support and human recreation.

Jobs created by using lakes and quality power to recruit industry. Small towns are the only place to live, TVA has little control over development, other than supply low cost power. Higher lake levels will impact tourism, fishing, and recreational uses. These lakes are a major attraction for people moving into this area. For the continued growth of our area, the TVA has the opportunity to make the area much more attractive to newcomers. These people may move companies here, build homes here, start new businesses here, thus adding value to East Tennessee.

It would help the fish if the lake were more stable year around Water quality.

Economic Development!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! JOBS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Natural resources protection

Youth program

Water pollution and recreation control

Clean up, MAJOR clean up. Putting the boat ramp back in.

Overdevelopment on shoreline. Water quality and how additional septic systems as well as the construction of houses will effect the water quality.

See notes in item 3 re mosquito control.

Keeping the lakes clean and beautiful the water coming from roan creek into Watauga lake is contaminated. This should be checked and corrected.

Our quality of life goes up as well as business owners on the lake will have longer time to increase their revenues. There is no reason why this lake should be any lower than five feet. Fishermen use this lake year-round. The marinas are closed. This is a travesty. The marinas should be able to operate all year and can only do so when there is adequate water levels.

With Boone Lake at lower levels for the majority of the year, the lake is unusable not only to residents but to recreational boaters as well. Our quality of life would be enhanced with longer periods of time with the lake at full pool. TVA must consider the economic impact of recreational activities on the water system. One of the big reasons people like to live in the TriCities is the

beautiful environment. Having the water level on Boone Lake go down 26feet for seven months doesn't help that.

I also believe that the TVA finds it hard to challenge the cities and counties to not pollute Boone Lake. Maybe because TVA is a government entity they are reluctant to push the cities to do better but they need to!

Keeping the water up for the health of the fish.

I would like to see greater accessibility of the lakes. As a recreational boater, we could use better ramps and launch facilities, especially on Watauga Lake. I would like to see better recreational facilities. Tourist industry concerns... Kingsport and its vicinity have little in the way of tourist destinations. Considering the impact of reservoir management local economies should be a paramount consideration, behind flood control.

Trash on the system and maintaining the lake levels for the longest period of time.

Improve recreation, boating and fishing.

Improved water quality and higher lake levels will greatly enhance the quality of life for all citizens, residents and visitors alike. The South Holston tailwater has only two unimproved boat launching areas. Neither of these areas have adequate parking facilities. We need two improved boat launch areas below the Rt. 44 bridge. The launch at Bluff City serves users of Boone Lake and does not serve the river traffic. Lowering the lake decreased the value of many of the Boone Lake properties. Also, there is additional income lost for recreational purposes. I feel if lake levels were left higher for longer periods of time then it would benefit all wildlife.

The long-term (50years) water quality issues should have paramount weight in the overall study. Yes, we need power but if the quality of the water is not up to par then everyone suffers. No more marina development. Use the areas already developed. Move the bad operators out of the system and bring decent operators into the fold.

Lake Level, Water Quality/Fish habitat.

Recreation and the economic benefits of recreation: marinas, waterside restaurants etc should be supported. Maintaining low power rates over higher lake levels.

Have TVA in coordination with the distributors of TVA Power in the Upper East TN area take over as Power suppliers for all of Sullivan County. Proper power production. Too late rise in lake levels and too early fall drawdowns adversely impact businesses and tourism which are mainstays of continued growth in area. Water quality is also an issue which should be helped by leaving lake levels higher longer.

Water level of Boone Lake. I can understand lowering the level for flood control, but 20 to 30 feet is simply overkill. Those individuals who have worked long and hard all their lives to be able to afford lake property are the ones being "punished". Their lake access is denied them for many months, when non lake property owners can tow their boat and launch it at public access areas. Lots of lake property owners are retirees, all of whom are being denied access to the lakes via their own property.

Too many drugs in Washington County.

Enforcement of water quality issues needs to be addressed. Consider grant programs to counties to install sewer trunk lines to residential areas around shore areas.

Low cost electricity. Don't sell it all to other parts of the nation. Recreational use of the existing lakes and rivers. Clean and safe water and wildlife/fish habitat. Enough water to maintain quality and provide low cost power. Tourism. To see this lake (Boone) in the fall with the water up is beautiful.

Law enforcement. Yes, I know it is the responsibility of the county, but we still need more enforcement. Another problem is mosquito control. What happened to the funding for insect control?

We have impending water quality problems. Our lakes are showing stress. Even South Holston that is thought to be very clean. We need to be working toward improved water quality.

Another suggestion I have for TVA is to talk to the public more. TVA has a wealth of information and good ideas that will dazzle the public. TVA has not learned how to communicate with the public getting them on board with TVA's visions. It can be done. TVA needs to again be the greatest resource the valley has.

The organisms which are being harmed due to the changing of the environment caused by the humans. Around the Duffield area, day care facilities are needed and places for the general public to exercise, i.e. walking trails and other options.

Most quality of life issues include:

Clean water and air

Reasonable cost of living

Low taxes

Government sources

Economic development

Stable economic climate

Growing population

Adequate services, stores, restaurants, etc

See answer to #3.

Removing the trash.

The quality of the lakes and tributaries and maintaining open space and control of sprawl and road building which contributes to sprawl. Boone Lake is of marginal quality because of the sewage entering the lake. This needs better control. Also the threat of the proposed airport parkway needs to be addressed. An additional bridge over Boone Lake would add to the deterioration of the lake. Where I live is rural and should be kept that way. There are several farms along the lake that will probably be developed. If possible, that should be stopped. The schools can't support the growth, there are not enough jobs, and the services needed like sewers and runoff don't exist.

The smell from the Bristol Wastewater treatment plant also needs to be treated.

Lake levels impact recreation which impacts quality of life. I feel lake levels don't have to be taken down as far as they are, nor do they have to be lowered as early in the fall as they are. If lake levels were kept up higher longer then the lake could be used for recreation longer, bringing more money into the local economy. I also feel lake levels can be brought earlier in the spring than what they are. With the longer the lake stays up the more our area gets a good base of revenue to support our community.

6. What do you value most about the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

Breathtaking natural beauty not found anywhere else in the world.

Recreation.

Flood control and the opportunity for good water management. The opportunities to enjoy the resources in the area of TVA managed water systems as well other natural resources managed by local, state and federal agencies.

The cooperative spirit of these agencies to provide a regulated resource yet be user friendly and accessible to the public. The quality of power provided through the river and reservoir system. The lakes and tailwaters are a tremendous asset to this area and should be treasured by all who use them. There are very few other areas which have such diversity as this area with its rivers, lakes, tailwaters and mountains.

The recreational use.

Flood control and power production and water quality and water supply. Beauty and the dollar value it adds to the state's economy. I value this as a resource, and feel it is an important one for our region. I am interested in the recreational value of this resource but feel that the value of electrical generation, flood control and commercial navigation are more important.

Drinking Water Quality/ Recreation

The recreational benefits from the beautiful lakes of the TVA. Cheaper electricity.

The quality of life it brought to the region

Water quality!

I appreciate all of TVA's efforts in general. Available water; flood protection; recreation.

Fishing opportunities.

Usage, recreation.

Recreation, flood control but personally it is recreation.

Scenic views, peaceful environment and wildlife.

Nature preservation.

Their very existence and the fact they are open to all for use.

The excellent cooperation that the Colonial Heights office has extended to the Friends of Ft. Patrick Henry Lake.

The beauty it brings to our community, and recreation.recreation.

The recreational aspects, low power rates, clean power, and flood control.

The beauty and recreation (when we are allowed to have it).

WATER! More of IT! Longer periods of time!

The flood control that TVA ensures to our region as well as the natural habitats that are created and maintained by TVA. The rivers and the reservoirs are beautiful and make living in East Tennessee more attractive. Keeping TVA land undeveloped helps the beauty of the area.

Great organization. If they managed it right and listen to the people. The unparalleled beauty of the reservoirs in all seasons. I value the ability to go out on the water and see the sunset, have clean water to participate in the water sports.

Flood control... I've said it before, I'll say it again. Flood control is the most important thing out there. But personally, I enjoy keeping the lake levels high for recreation.

The recreation opportunities that exist throughout the area that were not there before the TVA system was in place. Also maintaining the TVA lands without selling them off for development.

Recreation and flood control.

Wildlife and environmental concerns are first, Electrical generation second, Recreation and property values third. It's all managed by one agency that I have confidence in.

Fishing opportunities on the tailwaters.

Generation of electricity and protecting the environment

Recreation!!!!!!!

My dream of relaxing and using the lake I live on.

It offers higher levels of recreational use on the lakes and the rivers. So much of what we have is taken for granted. In 50 years, I would like for the river system and public land to look exactly like it does today. I know we have to have development but use the areas already developed. Use brown field areas. I value using TVA recreation areas, the existing trail system, being able to boat on Norris lake without being afraid of water quality warnings.

The beauty, serenity, recreational boating, fishing, lack of flooding,

Reasonable power prices.

Opportunity for family recreation & boating. 1st. The controlling of ravaging floods in the TN Valley watershed.

2nd. Operating the TN river watershed to insure the lowest cost power possible.

3rd. Commercial Navigation of the TN river.

4th. Economic Development with the Valley.

5th. Protection of the Environment.

The rest way below the top five: recreation, tourism, water supply.

Recreation.

Recreational use in summer

The beauty and recreation.

I love the scenic views, the wildlife, and the fishing. I also appreciate the efforts in flood control.

Flood control system. Fast response to weather conditions. Source of water for fishing and boating, water recreation. Source of water supply. It is such a wonderful system and the lakes are such great recreational assets to the Tennessee valley. The river system is operated in an efficient manner.

The opportunities for family recreation activities at a minimal cost. The generation of competitive electric rates to the areas served. The involvement of TVA in recruitment of business to the Tennessee Valley. The flood control provided an inexpensive source of electricity; the recreational opportunities; the flood control ability; commercial shipping to assist the state's economy. The care that TVA shows to keep its federal lands in as much a natural state as possible; recreation and aesthetics.

Recreation and its beauty.

Living on the lake is glorious. We love the wildlife (changes in the seasons), the tranquility and peace.

Open green space. I love the dam reservations and the biking and walking opportunities that exist. The tracks of land that remain undeveloped for informal use. The TVA operated and run camp sites. They are quaint, clean, not crowded and likely subsidized. However, they can be in beautiful, undeveloped areas. TVA needs to give the citizens of the valley more undeveloped land and stop breaking to pressure of development. Even golf courses. That serves only one segment of the public. Open space, green space, trails and nature needs to be what TVA land is used for.

Recreation & beauty

The beauty of the area. . Flood control. Reasonable electricity
Bird houses and preserving certain areas of land so that it can not be disturbed.

Water quality issues and reliable flood control.

Flood control and recreation.

The beauty of the lake and the serenity of the place.

The existence of a lake of good quality with natural areas and good quality streams with natural areas around them. Good water quality and maximum protection of the natural environment. Keep development on the lakes at a minimum.

The water for recreational use. I fish and boat and look at the scenery. That it exists and provides the diversity of use that it does.

1. Recreation
2. Water quality
3. Shoreline erosion

Clean water for swimming and recreational boating.

I think all aspects of the TVA river system are important including recreational, flood control, and energy providing aspects. Pleasant scenery of a full lake when they don't show too much dirt shoreline.

7. What do you see as threats to the TN River system and TVA reservoirs?

Stupid politicians who are not from this part of the world, and are hostile to the TVA.

Over regulation

Lack of funding for Lock repairs.

Unchecked urban sprawl, increased pollution threats. An imbalance of private development that directly affect user experience. Pollution by waste from homes, farms and businesses. Also, need to be careful with development so that the development is lake friendly. No low water levels. Pollution and public trash.

TERROISTS, because of poor defense.....

The nuts that live on the reservoirs and their misunderstanding of why they were created.

Boathouse Disposal/ nonpoint Source Pollution

The threat of over development of the shoreline, and the discharge from waste treatment plants. Pollution

Residential development around the reservoirs

Erosion of the shoreline.

Reckless industrial, commercial, and municipal use of water jeopardizing water quality. Interbasin water transfers; pollution; demand loss of public on public land

Inconsiderate people on boats who pollute water and people who live on or near the water who pollute with trash, personal use and animals farmers letting animals in water.

Lack of water and litter.

Unbridled pollution by municipalities and corporations. Water quality, sewage control, destruction of natural habitats for wildlife. Pollution and dumping of trash into the lakes.

Too many ducks and geese pollute our lake. We need to keep our lake clean and beautiful. Pollution and population around the lakes.

Deregulation.

Water quality, noise ordinances not complied with, speeding jet boats and the TVA playing with the level as they please.

Unclean water in Boone Lake, as well as boaters without proper boating education. To many deaths occur on the lakes and education boating education (and speed limits) should be mandatory. There needs to be a better education effort, especially with youth, to not litter. It is very discouraging when the lakes and streams have so much trash. It is so bad I see it as a threat.

I don't see the water quality getting much better. TVA should and could take a more active role. To say water quality is one of the TVA objectives and then to do so little isn't right. Low water makes poor quality for the fish and destroying the fish population. Unmanaged growth and unsightly development on their shores. People and their trash.

Pollution from lakeside construction. This is of paramount concern on Boone Lake in Sullivan and Washington Counties.

From a nature point of view, drought. From an economic point of view rapid growth and potential pollution. And from a regulation and government view maintaining status quo because it's always been done that way. Two of the three items are people issues and can and should be addressed. Not listening to the people who use the lakes. Large areas of water basin deserts exist for long periods of time affecting wildlife and the environment in a negative way. Privatization of TVA where management of the river system would be fragmented among other agencies that wouldn't be able to work together smoothly

Pollution of river systems remains one of the greatest threats. Many cities take their drinking water from the Holston River and water quality is critical.

Taking too much concern on recreation.

The government control.

DISCHARGE OF NEPDES PERMITEES

Not keeping the interest of the local public in mind when it comes to water levels and recreational use.

Current threats are:

The loss of public land /over development

Loss of habitat of wildlife resources

Segmenting land patterns

Pollution, population growth

Overcrowding, lower water levels. Groups of lake front property owners and lake users trying to subrogate all the great river operation of TVA's past to higher lake levels for themselves.

Privatization. Deregulation and attempts to breakup or dismantle TVA.

Corporate dumping. The biggest threat to the TN River/Lake system is the proliferation of personal watercraft and overpowered pleasure boats, as well as the ever increasing number of fishing tournaments. Individuals who operate same do not (usually) own lake property. They therefore do not see the severe erosion caused by continual waves and wakes striking the shoreline. All they care about is getting to the "best spot" first, or going faster than their buddy. Riding for pleasure only at breakneck speed or any speed faster than 15 MPH should be confined to only the absolute widest parts of the lake (travel lanes identified whenever possible). NO watercraft should be operated by anyone without a valid driver's license, and who has taken and passed a water safety course (which should include classes on environmental impact to inform potential boaters of the damage being caused by careless joyriding or speedboating). Lack of money to fund core activities. Many related activities may divert funds from basic operations of flood control, navigation and recreation. If the system were taken over by private companies the resources would not be a priority recreational.

Special interest groups. Federal government interference.

Too slow to implement changes for the better. Uncontrolled pollution and too much industrial development. Pollution from industry, farms and roadside trash. BLA provides a great service in Boone Lake cleanup!

Pollution, abuse, lack of respect for nature. The attitude of "I'll do it if I want to".

Folks that want high water. Water outtake requests, urban growth and water quality degradation. Pollution

Pollution. People wanting to hold the lake level up. Water quality and protection of the environment. Overbuilding and pollution. Trash and over use by boaters. Over development, urban sprawl, and trash, trash. Increased development on the lakes and increase demand for electricity and water use by industry. Sewer treatment plants and other point and nonpoint sources of pollution. Population growth.

Lack of responsible use. Boaters who don't care. Campers who don't care. Fishermen and hunters who don't care. Landowners who don't care. Commercial businesses who don't care. Pollution is a big threat to the whole system. I feel recreation is the biggest economic impact on river communities and without the water quality to support recreation uses will suffer and result in lost revenue. Also, land values around the lakes/river would suffer with the results of lost tax values. Pollution & erosion

Overcrowding. Unregulated dumping. Unregulated or poorly regulated sewage. Drought. Excessively conservative management. Corruption and bureaucratic red tape. Erosion and in the winter when you have freezes

8. What do you like about how TVA manages the TN River system & reservoirs?

General state of cleanliness and good repair around all the dams and TVA facilities. When I bring visitors to the area, I always show them the local dams. You guys run a showcase and it's a major attractant for visitors to the area.

Flood control has been outstanding in the months of January through March when historically the most severe floods occur. Coordination with other resources and resource managers. The TVA creates power and provides oversight of a treasured resource. They have done a good job of maintaining the dams and shoreline. Also, they are willing to listen to the people that use the lakes and reservoirs and tailwaters to see what could be done to improve TVA. Spraying for milfoil but should be done only at dock owner's request with consideration of public input. Assessment and impact of environmental conditions.

Updates of lake levels and generating schedules.

I feel that TVA has its priorities in order when it comes to the river system & reservoirs.

Stable Source Water Supply

The system is predictable, thus allowing proper planning for activities and construction on the lakes. The flood control downstream is sufficient. Flood control.

Low cost reliable power

About everything up until now. Integration; power supply flood control.

They are willing to listen to the public and consider their opinions and are helpful.

Nothing yet. The power is fine but that is about it.

I assume that they do a pretty good job on flood control. They have and answer for any question you have or will tell you where you can find it.

The beauty of the area.

They have rules and enforce them. If we have questions there is always someone to talk to. Bucky Edmndson has always been very helpful to us. We are happy that there are rules and regulations and that they are enforced.

TVA does seem to try to balance generation and recreational lake levels.

That we actually have a lake.

That we HAVE a lake is nice.

I really believe they do a good job on low cost power and on flood control. They do a fair job on land use. TVA does a poor job of recreation and water quality. And, if you want to consider navigation to include recreation boat navigation, then that's certainly poor on Boone Lake also.

I don't because they do not listen to the people. They have always turn a deaf ear to the people.

I appreciate that they are responding in this forum. I am hopeful that TVA will shed some of its "good ol' boy" networking and "that's the way we've always done it" mindset and investigate and utilize newer and more sophisticated technologies. While I appreciate the need for flood control, and understand the importance of the flood plains downstream in Kingsport and Chattanooga, state of the art forecasting and satellite meteorologic technologies make it unnecessary and foolish to draw down our lakes at such an early time. Recreation is an important and powerful driver here in Upper East Tennessee, and key to tourism, one of our most important local industries. Our area regularly loses fishing tournaments and other boating activities to Corps of Engineer lakes that hold their levels much later into the boating season, while it is effectively cut off here in August due to the premature drawdowns.

The recreational aspects are handled very well, along with power generation. The hydropower aspects of the system are very unobtrusive. I believe the goal of the TVA organization has been stellar and need not be challenged in terms of flood control. The system is maintained very well. What I see in the new and improved TVA management is an honest openness to look at other needs and benefits that the TVA system can provide to its customers, this is a much needed change. You have improved some public concerns.

TVA tries to manage everything for the greatest good of all TVA appears to listen to the people. That's why I came to make my voice heard.

Don't know. Upset because the lake level never remains consistent.

I don't see what dropping Boone lake 4' and holding it after labor day till drawdown starts in Oct.? Accomplishes. Except to irritate lake dwellers when they are dry docked with boats. As small a volume of water that is in 4', compared to other lakes, why 4' and hold for a period?

The maintenance of keeping the rivers and lakes in good condition. It's there, functional and working.

Nothing. Power generation and recreation are hurt by the premature lowering of the lake levels.

In the way it is currently operated, considering primarily flood control, navigation, and power production above all other uses. Keeping the system public use. Not the maintenance of water levels.

Very little. More TVA patrol boats are needed, as well as the changes detailed above.

Flood control works effectively. Cheapest rates for electric power. Centralized control of entire system. Good use of technology. It takes the public's opinion when it makes decisions regarding the use of the wonderful resources that we have available in the Tennessee Valley. The personnel I have had contact with over the years have been very helpful and considerate.

I like the way TVA provides support to local landowners and interested people. Valley wide TVA keeps rates low and tries to please various people with opposite interests it does a good job maintaining this balance.

I like your requirement of applying for permission to do anything on the shoreline.

Well... Lately I have not been too happy with TVA's management. A lot of their informal land has been converted to so called economic growth projects such as golf courses. Ok, the question did ask what I liked, let me get on track. I like green power, and our low power rates. I think the watershed work is good and should have a higher emphasis. TVA does great flood control work. We forget to mention that because they have no problems.

Your apparent willingness to listen to the people. They are open to let the public put in their input. I think TVA does an excellent job managing the Tennessee River system and reservoirs.

I think TVA has a formidable task in managing all the issues. TVA seeks to provide low cost electricity for the public while providing an environmental service.

Done a good job on flood control but virtually nothing on trash control. A fair job on natural areas and recreation areas but need to do more on natural areas.

A good job is done on flood control. Management of the natural environment is only fair.

The TVA police.

The local offices.

The website on river management. TVA publishes scheduled flow rates on the website and for the most part sticks to those plans. Lake levels are very predictable even though I wish the lake would stay full longer. I like that TVA does not alter the level of Ft Pat Henry Lake significantly in the fall/winter as it does on other lakes in the region. I like when the water elevation does not drop when the lake is frozen. Manages that pretty well now than in the past

9. Which public benefit do you believe is TVA's highest mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	28
2. Electricity Production	14
3. Protecting the Natural Environment	8
4. Providing Recreation	6
5. Water Supply	3
6. Commercial Navigation	0

10. What public benefits are NOT on the list above, but should be?

Improved economic development

Fisheries

User satisfaction

None

None

Commercial shipping
None
Pollution on Boone Lake
Economic Development!!!!!!
Engineering Research and Development!!!!!!
Wildlife, Fisheries, and Environmental Research
Clean water. Water quality
Clean up
They should be concerned about working within their budget
Echo system
Water quality
Land use. Overdevelopment of shoreline
DUCK AND GEESE CONTROL.
None
Enforce noise ordinance.
Water Quality.

Maintain high water levels because it generates revenue and helps all the states especially Tennessee. Dropping Douglas Lake by 60 Feet doesn't benefit anyone and they don't need to drop it that much for flood control.

None.

Move recreation higher up on your list would be a great benefit. My wife and I have our house for sale on Boone Lake because we love the water (growing up in Michigan she accuses me of having water in my veins), and its sad and frustrating to be on the water in such a beautiful part of the country and really only able to use the lake for approximately three months out of the year. We are looking for a place that has the lake available for the majority, if not all, of the year.

Recreation.
All benefits are covered.
PUBLIC power, assuring reliability and affordability that privately owned utilities can't
None
None

Within protecting natural resources I assume you include the loss of public lands. Also, keeping the lands open to the public and not charging fees. Everyone does not live on the lake. Keeps the areas open for the less fortunate.

Stable Lake level for recreational use
Maintaining necessary river flow for cooling water for the thermal plants (fossil and Nuclear) in the hotter summer months.

Tourism promotion

Access by boat to the lakes by lake property owners, via their own property. Shoreline and island preservation.

Not sure

Providing low cost electricity.
Recreation and its' economic impact

That list should keep TVA busy but if not energy alternatives. Innovative ideas in energy field green power, electric cars, etc.

None

Use of land along the water for other recreational opportunities. Hiking, camping, etc. Control of Development on the lakes

Community economics

Better environmental analysis and public reporting on the "health" of the river systems.

Concern of revenue for the community that people in our area depend upon.

11. Which public benefit *SHOULD BE* the highest mgmt. priority for TVA?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Protecting the Natural Environment	19
2. Flood Control	18
3. Electricity Production	14
4. Providing Recreation	9
5. Water Supply	1
6. Commercial Navigation	1

12. Which public benefit should be the *SECOND HIGHEST* mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	19
2. Providing Recreation	17
3. Electricity Production	14
4. Protecting the Natural Environment	6
5. Water Supply	6
6. Commercial Navigation	1

13. Which public benefit should be the *LOWEST* mgmt. priority?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Providing Recreation	19
2. Commercial Navigation	9
3. Water Supply	8
4. Protecting the Natural Environment	6
5. Electricity Production	5
6. Flood Control	2

14. Likelihood that population in your area will grow considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Likely	32
2. Somewhat Likely	12
3. Neutral	3
4. Somewhat Unlikely	2
5. Very Unlikely	1

15. Desirability of population in your area growing considerably?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Desirable	20
2. Neutral	12
3. Very Undesirable	8
4. Undesirable	6

5. Very Desirable	5
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16. Likelihood that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Unlikely	15
2. Very Unlikely	11
3. Very Likely	8
4. Somewhat Likely	7
5. Neutral	7

17. Desirability that growth will be in cities; undeveloped areas unchanged?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	17
2. Desirable	16
3. Neutral	12
4. Undesirable	3
5. Very Undesirable	0

18. What is the likelihood that your area will have more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Somewhat Likely	26
2. Very Likely	10
3. Somewhat Unlikely	7
4. Neutral	5
5. Very Unlikely	2

19. What is the desirability of your area having more jobs?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	32
2. Desirable	12
3. Neutral	3
4. Very Undesirable	3
5. Undesirable	1

20. Likelihood there will be stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Likely	22
2. Somewhat Likely	22
3. Somewhat Unlikely	6
4. Neutral	2
5. Very Unlikely	0

21. Desirability of stronger regulations to protect the environment?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Very Desirable	25
2. Desirable	15
3. Neutral	7
4. Undesirable	6
5. Very Undesirable	1

22. Pick 6 items that represent the MOST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Flood Control	50
2. Clean Water	43
3. Affordable Electricity	43
4. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	31
5. Waterbased Recreation	29
6. Drinking Water Supply	25
7. Dam Safety	23
8. Public Land Conservation	12
9. Scenic Beauty	12
10. Economic Development	11
11. Planning for Future Growth	10
12. Shoreline Erosion Control	10
13. Campgrounds and Green Space	9
14. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	7
15. Shoreland Development	6
16. Protection of Historical Artifacts	4
17. Environmental Research	3

23. Pick 6 items that represent the LEAST important value of the TVA system?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Commercial Waterway For Shipping Cargo	32
2. Shoreland Development	30
3. Environmental Research	29
4. Protection of Historical Artifacts	29
5. Planning for Future Growth	25
6. Campgrounds and Green Space	21
7. Economic Development	20
8. Waterbased Recreation	14
9. Scenic Beauty	13
10. Dam Safety	11
11. Public Land Conservation	11
12. Shoreline Erosion Control	10
13. Drinking Water Supply	9
14. Wildlife and Fish Habitat Enhancement	7
15. Affordable Electricity	3
16. Clean Water	2
17. Flood Control	2

24. Please enter the county or counties each of you live in.

County(ies)	#
37645	1
Carter	1
Greene TN	1
Hawkins	1
JOHNSON COUNTY, TN	1
JOHNSON, WATAUGA LAKE	1
Knox	2
Own Property On Watts Bar in Roane County.	1
Scott County, VA	1
Sullivan	27
Sullivan & Washington	3
Unicoi, TN	1
Washington Co., TN	14
Washington and Sullivan	3
Washington Co. VA	4
Currently reside in Weaverville, NC and work in Johnson City.	1
Totals	63

25. Please list your ZIP CODE(S) (you do not have to enter your addresses)

ZipCode(s)	#
24202	1
24210	1
24211	2
24212	1
24251	1
28787	1
37601	1
37604	1
37604 and 37659Piney Flats	1
37605	1
37605,37604,37601	1
37615	5
37615, 37604	1
37615 and 37660	1
37617	3
37618	3
37620	2
37620 and 24211	1
37640	2
37641	1
37643	1
37645	1
37656	3
37659	1
37660	3
37663	8
37664	2
37686	8

37686 & 37604	1
37692	1
37754	1
37854	1
37919	1
Totals	63

26. Which State(s) do you (or each of you) live in?

List (By Total Chosen)	Total
1. Tennessee	49
2. Virginia	7
3. North Carolina	1
4. Alabama	0
5. Georgia	0
6. Kentucky	0
7. Mississippi	0
8. Other	0
Totals	57

27. I believe TVA will consider my input in this planning process?

True%:	86.11
False%:	13.89